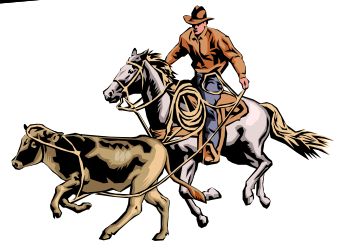


GALLATIN AG REPORT



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GALLATIN BEEF PRODUCERS

EDUCATION & BUSINESS MEETING

The Gallatin Beef Producers are sponsoring their educational luncheon meeting on Thursday, January 5th, 2006. The meeting location will be Headwaters Livestock outside of Three Forks, Montana. The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. with prime rib sandwich, baked potato, salad, coffee or soda for lunch. Speakers will be Sheriff Jim Cashell, Gallatin County Commissioners, Montana Stockgrowers Representative, and Senator Conrad Burns (invited).

Contact the Gallatin County Extension Office at 582-3280 by **Tuesday, January 3rd**, the absolute deadline, to register (we need a head count for lunch). Cost of the lunch is \$15.00.

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ANNUAL BANQUET

The Gallatin Beef Producers will be holding their annual banquet on Friday, January 6th, 2006. The banquet will be held at the Best Western GranTree Inn. Hosted social hour will begin at 6:00 pm.- Prime rib dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Cost for the evening is \$25.00 per person. Tickets for the banquet will be on sale at the Gallatin County Extension office until **Tuesday, January 3rd**. You must purchase your ticket in advance, no ticket sales at the door.

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DUES REMINDER

Reminder that it is time to pay your annual dues for 2006. Dues are \$5.00 and can be either mailed to our office at 901 North Black Ave., Bozeman, MT 59715 or dropped off in our office.

Dates of Interest:

- **December 6, 2005**

“Spring Wheat & Scab, What are Our Options?” at Headwaters Livestock, Three Forks

- **December 16-18 & 19-22, 2005**

Sheep Shearing classes for beginners and advanced shearers. For more info visit www.gallatinextension.com, under Bulletins

- **January 5, 2006**

Gallatin Beef Producer Education Meeting, Headwaters Livestock, Three Forks

- **January 6, 2006**

Gallatin Beef Producer Annual Banquet., Best Western GranTree Inn, Bozeman

- **January 25-April 5, 2006**

Gallatin County Master Gardener class. For more info visit www.gallatinextension.com, Horticulture, Master Gardener 2006, or call 582-3280 or email:

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KEYBOARD SHORTCUT TO YOUR FAVORITE SITES!

Do you have websites you need to reference often in the course of a day's work? True, you can put them as shortcuts on your desktop or add them to the Links Toolbar or to you Favorites list. Did you know that you can also assign a keyboard shortcut to hit those pages without ever moving you hands from your keyboard? Here's how:

- 1) With the page already on your Links Toolbar or in your Favorites list, right-click the page name and choose Properties.
- 2) Place your cursor in the field that says 'Shortcut Key' and enter a letter. (Ctrl + Alt will automatically be added to it.) Click OK
- 3) Now anytime you need the page, just hit Ctrl + Alt + Whatever letter you chose!

Don't forget to add the Gallatin Extension website to your Favorites! www.gallatinextension.com

2005 ADULT RANGELAND GRASSHOPPER SURVEY



Each summer USDA/APHIS/PPQ personnel conduct adult rangeland grasshopper surveys across Montana. The data collected from these surveys is used to forecast areas of rangeland that may have grasshopper problems the following growing season.

A "Regional" 2006 Rangeland Grasshopper Hazard Map is available at: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/maps>. The counts are shown as grasshoppers per square yard and fall under four categories: (above 15 in red—area that may benefit greatly from some sort of control measure), (8 to 15 in yellow—possible need for control), (3 to 7.5 in green—area to watch), and (0 to 2.5 just black dot—area with no problem).

WHEAT SCAB MEETING

An education meeting titled "Spring Wheat & Scab, What are Our Options?" will be held 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 6th, 2005 at Headwaters Livestock at Three Forks. The speakers consist of Jack Riesselman, Clain Jones, and Perry Miller. Topics discussed will include this past growing season and the occurrence of scab, alternative crops to fill the gap, and soil fertility issues.

Wheat Scab will also be covered at the 2006 Crop School. See below for more information.

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2006 CROP SCHOOL

We are pleased to invite you to the 2006 Crop School. It will be held on Tuesday, February 21st at the Willow Creek Firehall, located in Willow Creek. Lunch will begin at 11:45 a.m. The meeting will run from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. Dinner, (steak sandwich, baby red potatoes, salad and dessert), is brought to you by UAP Northern Plains- Belgrade, Townsend Seeds, Harrison Elevator, Reich Bros., Rocky Mountain Supply – Belgrade and Townsend, and Gallatin Extension.



SCHEDULE: (Lunch) 11:45-1:00 pm Beardless Winter Wheat & Forage Varieties (Dr. Dennis Cash, MSU Extension); **1:00 pm** Soil Fertility (Clain Jones, MSU Extension); **1:30 pm** Wheat Scab (Dr. Jack Riesselman, MSU Extension); **2:00 pm** Rangeland Weed Management (Barry Bowles, Wilbur Ellis); **2:30 pm** Ground Squirrel Control & Products Available (Rick Anderson); **3:00 pm** Wild Oat Resistant Management (Ron Groskoft, Syngenta); **3:30 pm** New Winter Wheat Varieties (Phil Bruckner)

The meeting will cover key issues related to farming, and also allow you the opportunity to earn 3 (three) private pesticide applicator credits. Call (582-3280) or email gallatin2@montana.edu to **RSVP by Friday, February 17, 2006.**

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